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In order to notify this area as Reserved Forest under the provision of the Madras Forest Act, preliminary action is being taken by an Assistant Conservator of Forests deputed for this purpose. After the areas were taken over, the Revenue Survey and Settlement was taken up. After the completion of the Revenue Survey and after the areas were settled and allotted by the Revenue Department as forests, the Forest Department is preparing a draft notification under Section 4 of the Madras Forest Act after doing necessary field work for notification purposes.

Meanwhile, there has been unauthorised occupation of the forest areas by the villagers. The villagers were indiscriminately clearing virgin forest lands and cultivating agricultural crops. The situation became alarming and the Government were apprised of the situation. In May 1960, the Government therefore ordered that it was not possible for the Forest Department to desist from taking action under the Land Encroachment Act in these areas. Thus, new encroachment occurring after December 1958, could not be taken lightly.

The present position is that atleast 10,000 acres have been encroached upon, cleared and cultivated after 1958 in Gandamanaickanur alone. Even with regard to sholas in the interior, the entire stretch has been cultivated with cardamom.

The Assistant Conservator of Forests, during the course of his survey work for preparing the draft section for notification, is coming across such encroachments within the forest areas. Action is being taken against these encroachers under the provision of the Madras Forest Act. During the current year, 38 cases of encroachment of over 83 acres involving 91 persons were booked and two cases involving 11 accused were prosecuted. If the catchment areas and sholas are allowed to be cleared indiscriminately, then the cultivation under Vaigai system will have to face a grave situation. The villagers have been sending representation after-representation to allow them to use the lands occupied by them unauthorisedly. It will be thus seen that the evictions ordered were in respect of encroachments which occurred after December 1958.

III. PRIVILEGE MATTER REGARDING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ANSWERS TO MAIN QUESTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS.

திரு. கே. ஏ. மதியழகன் : ஸார், ஆன் எ பாயின்ட் ஆப் ஆர்டர், கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நம்முடைய சட்டமன்றம் பாராளுமன்ற ஜனநாயக முறைகளை அனுசரித்து, நம்முடைய சட்டத்தில் சலுகைகள், உரிமைகள் கொடுத்து நல்லமுறையில் பெருமையாகவும் நடந்து வருகிறது. இப்போது நம்முடைய மூன்றுவது சட்டசபை தங்களுடைய சீரிய தலைமையின்கீழ் இந்த மன்றம் எல்லா உரிமைகளையும் பெற்று நடந்து வருகிறது. . .

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member may come to the point before cajoling or praising.

SRI RAMA ARANGANNAL : It is not cajoling or praising.

MR. SPEAKER : Let me know the point of order first.

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திரு. கே. ஏ. மதியழகன் : இவ்விதம் நடந்து வருகின்ற சட்ட மன்றத்தில் மந்திரிகள் கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதில் சொல்லும்போது, மூலக் கேள்விக்கு சொல்லுகின்ற பதில் ஒருவிதமாகவும், உப கேள்விகளுக்கு சொல்லுகின்ற பதில் வேறொரு விதமாகவும் இருக்கிறது. இவ்விதம் 22-ம் தேதி நடந்த விவாதத்தில் இருக்கிறது.

MR SPEAKER : I have disallowed the privilege matter given notice of by the hon. Member. There was no serious difference in the answer, and therefore I disallowed it. I cannot allow it to be taken up in the form of a 'point of order'.

திரு. கே. ஏ. மதியழகன் : இவ்விதம் முன்னுக்குப்பின் முரணாக இருக்கிறது. இதன் பேரில் தாங்கள் தீர்ப்பு வழங்க வேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக் கொள்வதற்காகத்தான் இதை கூறுகிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member gave notice of a privilege matter with regard to this in writing. As there was no material to admit it, I have not given my consent.

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : I am not raising a privilege issue. It is only for consideration . . .

MR. SPEAKER : In some form or other, the hon. Member wants to speak on the subject.

SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : It is not my intention to speak on the subject. With great respect to the Chair, I want only a ruling to that effect, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : I have already given my ruling to the effect that it is not a matter of 'breach of privilege' or for 'a point of order.'

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT.

(1) THE MADRAS PUBLIC BUILDINGS (LICENSING) BILL, 1964.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Governor has given his recommendation for the introduction in and consideration by the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras Public Buildings (Licensing) Bill, 1964.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS PUBLIC BUILDINGS (LICENSING) BILL, 1964.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

"That the concurrence of the Legislative Council be obtained for the setting up of a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses, consisting of 21 Members (14 Members of the Legislative Assembly and 7 Members of the Legislative Council) to consider the Madras